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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 2 and 5 March 1954, in Grimma unusually many columns of units, who apparently returned from exercises. Units observed included: 25X1

2 March. Three armored personnel carriers each occupied by 12 officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets, and occupied by 3 officers wearing red-bordered golden epaulets; and trucks proceeding toward the barracks installation. 25X1

3 March. A signal unit with radio trucks and trucks which arrived from the direction of Wurzen. 25X1

5 March. Radio truck and trucks which arrived from the direction of Oschatz. T-34/85 tanks and 1 T-34 tank hull, which arrived from the direction of Wurzen. 25X1

2. During the period under review, the Strassburg Kaserne was occupied as previously by an estimated 900 troops. Intensive training was observed outside the installation. On 3 March, a unit with about 60 motor vehicles, including sedan and 9 trucks towing 76.2-mm AT guns; 12 armored scout cars and 10 armored personnel carriers, entered the installation from the direction of Oschatz. The rearward license plates of the vehicles were painted over. On 4 March, a unit including armored scout cars the latter occupied by a colonel; armored personnel carrier van-like truck truck mounting an AA machine gun, truck with field kitchen and ambulance entered the installation from the direction of Oschatz. On 5 March, a total of 8 armored personnel carriers with a white ball on the tail board; 4 trucks, each towing a 76.2-mm field gun 2 trucks, towing a field kitchen; ambulance and trucks 25X1 25X1

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entered the installation from the direction of Oschatz. 1

3. During the period under review, the Elsner Kaserne was occupied as previously by about 550 troops, with 240 engineer troops stationed in the northern building, 220 signal troops in the southern building and 90 troops of a transport unit in the west section. On 4 March, 5 radio trucks were seen at the filling station of the installation and 15 to 20 armored personnel carriers. were in front of the garages. On 5 March, 150 to 200 25X1
engineer troops with equipment, weapons and flag were lined up in front of 2 officers, presumably colonels. Trucks and radio truck were seen en route to and from the installation. 2

1. Comment. The units which arrived from the direction of Oschatz and Wurzen presumably returned from exercises of the First Gds Mech Army, which apparently started in the Falkenberg-Uebigau-Schlieben-Herzberg area in late February.

2. Comment. The 133d Gds Engr Bn, the 155th Gds Sig Bn and a transport unit are confirmed in the Elsner Kaserne until March 1954.

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